1. (Amended - Clean Copy) A data generating device, provided in an electronic endoscope, said device generating an image data corresponding to an object image obtained by said electronic endoscope, and character information including a date when said object image is obtained, said device comprising:

a date-differentiating processor that generates said character information so that, when said date is displayed on a screen of a display device along with said object image, at least one of the year, month, and day is differentiated on said screen, wherein said date-differentiating processor sets one of the year, month, and day to a color or character type different from the others.

19. (Amended - Clean Copy) An electronic endoscope comprising:

a display processor that displays a year, month, and day of a date along with an object image on a screen; and

a storing processor that stores said date along with said object image in an image storage device as a single image;

said storing processor storing the year, month, and day so that at least one of the year, month, and day is differentiated on said screen; and

said storing processor storing one of the year, month, and day by a different color or a different character type in said image storage device.

29. (Amended - Clean Copy) An electronic endoscope comprising:

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